

441—202.11(234) Services to the child. The department service worker shall maintain a continuous relationship with the child.

202.11(1) The department service worker shall:

- a.* Help the child plan for the future,
- b.* Evaluate the child's needs and progress,
- c.* Supervise the living arrangement,
- d.* Arrange for social and other related services including, but not limited to, medical, psychiatric, psychological, and educational services from other resources as needed, and
- e.* Counsel the child in adjusting to the placement.

202.11(2) The assigned department service worker shall personally visit each child in out-of-home care at least once every calendar month, with the frequency of the visits based upon the needs of the child.

- a.* The visit shall take place in the child's place of residence the majority of the time.
- b.* The visit shall be of sufficient length to focus on issues pertinent to case planning. During the visit, the worker shall address the safety, permanency, and well-being of the child, including the child's needs, services to the child, and achievement of the case permanency plan goals.

202.11(3) When placement of a breastfeeding child is made, the service worker shall:

- a.* Assess in consultation with the worker's supervisor whether continued breastfeeding by the mother is in the best interest of the child;
- b.* Make every reasonable effort to support the mother's continued breastfeeding for the child if determined appropriate; and
- c.* Document the assessment and efforts in the child's case plan and case notes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6(6) "b."